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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS -- RAILWAY TRACK  
MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

1. AUSTRIAN FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH GAVE THE FOLLOWING  
AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE AUSTRIAN ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION OF  
RAILWAY TRACK MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FROM AUSTRIA TO  
TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IN PARIS AT THE OECD  
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON JUNE 23. BEGIN TEXT

FOR MANY YEARS THE AUSTRIAN COMPANY "PLASSER AND THEURER",  
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PRODUCERS OF RAILWAY TRACK MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, HAVE  
BEEN EXPORTING RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY TO THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN 1971 THE U.S. TREASURY  
DEPARTMENT INITIATED AN ANTIDUMPING PROCEDURE AGAINST  
THIS COMPANY WITH REGARD TO TAMPING MACHINERY. IN 1973,  
AFTER THE COMPANY PROVED THAT NO ANTIDUMPING REGULATIONS  
HAD BEEN VIOLATED THIS PROCEDURE WAS STOPPED ON A PRO-

VISIONAL BASIS.

UPON REQUEST BY THE AMERICAN PRODUCER "TAMPER LTD" THE  
PROCEDURE WAS OPENED AGAIN AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND  
FURTHERMORE EXTENDED TO "GRAVEL PLOUGHS." THE LATTER

TYPE OF MACHINERY WAS NOT COVERED BY THE PREVIOUS PRO-  
CEEDING. FROM FEBRUARY TO APRIL 1977 INVESTIGATION  
OFFICERS OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED  
WITH AUSTRIAN PRODUCER IN AUSTRIA AND ALL INFORMATIONS  
REQUESTED WAS SUBMITTED. ON 10 MAY 1977, WITHOUT  
AWAITING THE RESULT OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE U.S.  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED A WITHHOLDING APPRAISEMENT  
NOTICE AND DECIDED ON A SIXTY TWO PERCENT AD VALOREM  
DUMPING RATE.

THE AUSTRIAN PRODUCER IS PARTICULARLY HARD HIT BY THIS  
MEASURE AND HENCE WAS VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED AGAINST THIS  
ACTION THROUGH THEIR AMERICAN COUNSELS. IN THE OPINION  
OF THE PLASSER AND THEURER THIS PRELIMINARY DECISION OF  
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS BASED SOLELY ON ASSERTIONS  
AND UNVERIFIED DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN  
COMPETITORS WHILE THE INFORMATIONS PROVIDED BY PLASSER  
AND THEURER HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. PLASSER  
AND THEURER IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED THAT THE DECISION  
OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL SERIOUSLY AFFECT THEIR  
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TRADITIONAL EXPORTS OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAIN-  
TENANCE MACHINERY TO THE USA, WHICH, IN 1976, AMOUNT  
APPROXIMATELY TO FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THEIR EXPORTS. THUS,  
THIS DECISION WOULD LEAD TO A SUBSTANTIAL LIMITATION  
OF THEIR PRODUCTION AND CONSEQUENTLY TO A SERIOUS THREAT  
OF UNEMPLOYMENT. END TEXT.

2. RESPONSE TO AUSTRIAN AIDE MEMOIRE WILL BE PROVIDED  
SHORTLY. CHRISTOPHER

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